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## **Wasatch County Issues Health Order: Stay Safe Stay Home**

Wasatch County, Utah, March 30, 2020 - Wasatch County Health Officer, Randall Probst, with support of the Wasatch County Board of Health, Wasatch County Council and Manager, and city Mayors, issued a Stay Safe Stay Home Order for Wasatch County. The order will be in effect as soon as possible, but no later than 7:00 am on April 1, 2020.

“The intent of the Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent possible, while enabling essential services to continue,” says Probst. “These measures are designed to end the epidemic as early as possible, while enabling essential services to continue.”

The order is to remain in effect through April 14, 2020, unless governing bodies amend or extend. The order:

1. Directs all individuals to stay home except to engage in essential activities, which includes going to work under the conditions outlined in the order.
2. Matches earlier county and state public health orders regarding food service operations.
3. All business and operations, except essential businesses, and minimum basic operations are closed to the public, except as detailed in the order.
4. Requires businesses to actively enforce personal distancing practices and exclude ill employees from working; personal distancing should include at least 6 feet between all people in the establishment, and workers symptomatic with fever, cough or shortness of breath must not be present under any circumstances.
5. Defines essential businesses that should do their best to comply with personal distancing recommendations but, due to the nature of their operations, may be unable to fully comply and are therefore exempt from order enforcement. Essential businesses must still exclude ill employees from working.
6. Closes children’s playgrounds and prohibits team sports, including pick-up games, though outdoor sport courts and fields will remain open for individual and for individuals that reside in the same household. Residents are asked to responsibly enjoy recreational amenities by always maintaining 6 feet from people outside of their household.
7. The order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law

“Please know this decision was not made lightly by public officials. We recognize the difficulties this might cause for so many in our community” said Heber City Mayor Kelleen Potter. “We encourage everyone to implement these recommendations and adjust your lives to comply. There are resources available for mental health and financial support, please reach out if you need help.”

The goal of this order is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by minimizing exposure. “This order complements both the Governor’s directive and the intent of Wasatch County’s current order. Our collective goal is to reduce opportunities for people to congregate in order to save lives,” said Danny Goode, Wasatch County Council Chair. “This order strikes a balance between public and economic health by working to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.”

Businesses, employees and members of the general public who have questions or concerns can visit the Wasatch County coronavirus website at [coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov) for more information and to find a call-in number where specific questions about compliance can be answered.

#### **Essential Businesses (Open with Conditions):**

Essential businesses are **required** to keep employees with fever or respiratory symptoms from working. They should practice personal distancing (6 feet between all people) **as much as possible**.

- Grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores,\* and gas stations
- Automotive and cycle supply, and repair
- Pet supply and veterinary services
- Food pantries
- Religious institutions, and charitable and social services
- Childcare centers
- Insurance, legal, real estate, and accounting service providers\*
- Hardware and supply stores
- Building and construction trades, and other critical trades
- Banks, credit unions, and financial institutions\*
- Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services
- Food and beverage productions
- Manufacturing and supply
- Transportation services
- Home-based care for adults, seniors, children, and people with developmental disabilities
- Hotels and motels
- Funeral services

**\*Open with conditions as detailed in the order**

#### **Food Service**

Food service operations **must** follow the restrictions set forth in the State of Utah’s March 21 public health order, including:

- Dine-in-food service is prohibited.
- In-person ordering is prohibited; must be done remotely, such as via drive-thru, app, telephone, or online.
- Cash payments are discouraged; online, app or telephone payment is encouraged.
- Payment processing devices must be cleaned between transactions.
- Employees handling payments may not participate in food preparation, handling, or delivery.
- Management must ensure, on a daily basis and at the beginning of each shift, that no employee is ill.
- Third-party delivery is permitted only via no-contact “drop” service, and employees of the delivery service must not be ill and must use cleansing measures between each transaction.

#### **All Other Businesses (Open with Conditions)**

- All businesses not closed or deemed essential are **required** to exclude employees who are ill from working, and working employees are **required** to practice personal distancing (6 feet between all people at all times).

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# Stay Safe. Stay Home.

## CLOSED

**ALL business and operations except for ESSENTIAL business and MINIMUM basic operations are to close to the public except as detailed in the order**

## RESTRICTED

**REQUIRED** to exclude employees with fever, cough, or shortness of breath, and **REQUIRED** to practice 6 feet of personal distancing

• **Food Service—considered essential but must:**

- Prohibit dine-in service
- Encourage remote payments
- Clean payment devices between transactions
- Restrict payment handling by employees in food service

See details in the order and more information at

[coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov)

## ESSENTIAL

**REQUIRED** to exclude employees with fever, cough, or shortness of breath, and should practice 6 feet of personal distancing **AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**

- Health Care and Public Health
- Essential Government Functions
- Essential Infrastructure
- Human Services
- Grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores\*, and gas stations\*
- Automotive and bicycle supply and repair
- Pet supply and veterinary services
- Food Pantries
- Food and beverage production
- Religious institutions and charitable and social services
- Childcare centers\*
- Insurance and financial service providers\*
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical construction trades
- Mail, shipping, and delivery
- Laundromats and dry cleaners
- Home-based care providers
- Legal, accounting and real estate\*
- Hotels and motels\*
- Higher education
- Transportation, utilities, and other essential infrastructure
- Media and essential government functions
- Any business or worker included among the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's critical infrastructure sectors

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